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ANNUAL MEETING OF FRIENDS

The Friends of the Armed Forces Medical Library will hold its annual dinner meeting at the Cosmos Club, 2121 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., in Washington, on Monday evening, 14 June 1954. The Chairman, Dr. Henry R. Viets, will preside, and the speaker will be Dr. William Jerome Wilson, Chief of the History of Medicine Division of the Armed Forces Medical Library.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 with dinner at 7:30. All FRIENDS, and friends who may wish to become FRIENDS, are invited to attend.

MISSION IN KOREA

(There follow some brief notes concerning the Director's trip to Korea to make a survey of the medical library situation at the invitation of the Korea Civil Assistance Command. [FBR])

16-20 March. Enroute to Tokyo.
TOKYO, 21-24 March. Conferences at Headquarters, Army Forces Far East, Camp Zama, and enroute to Seoul.

SEOUL, 25 March. Down to KCAC Headquarters, in an old office building near the national capitol. Met Colonel Ralph V. Plew, MC, Chief of the Public Health Branch; Dr. Richard F. Brown (Canada), Chief of the Preventive Medicine Section; Dr. Ragnar Nilssen (Norway), Chief of the Medical Care Section; Miss Susan J. Haines (Australia), Chief of the Nursing Section; Mr. Efrain Ribeiro (Peru), Chief of the Environmental Sanitation Branch; Lt. Colonel Charles J. Gorrell, MSC, Chief of the Medical Supply Section, and their deputies and assistants. To Headquarters, Eighth Army, to check in with Lt. Colonel Eberhart, Acting Deputy Surgeon... To the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA) for a long talk with Mr. Brian J. Edwards of the Department of Operations... And finally to the newly established School of Public Health to talk with the Dean, Dr. Han Pum Sook, and to see their library which General Simmons had dedicated only a week earlier.

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26 March. Mr. Rhee's birthday. To the U. S. Embassy to talk with Mr. Grigis, the USIS officer...To the Ministry of Education, where I spoke to Mr. Huh Cheung Soo, the Vice-Minister...To the Ministry of Health, meeting Dr. Choi Gai Yu, the Minister, and Dr. Han Eun So, one of his deputies.

27 March. Out to the National Institute for the Prevention of Infectious Diseases, with Colonel Eveland of the 406th Medical General Laboratory, to meet the Director, Dr. Lee Pyung Hak, and to see the library.

29 March. Talked with Dr. Howard Brooks of the American-Korean Foundation...In the afternoon to Severance Union Medical College, half destroyed. Met the Dean, Dr. Kim Myung Sun; Dr. Florence Murray; Dr. Ernest B. Struthers; Dr. Lee Woo Choo, whose manuscript of an English-Korean medical dictionary is two-thirds finished...Pleased to find some AFML duplicates in the library.

30 March. To Seoul National University Medical School where the medical library was not long ago an Air Force briefing room... Spoke with Dr. Lee Chae Koo, the Dean... Learned that Dr. Kim Tu Jong is just completing a history of Korean medicine...To the School of Pharmacy, seeing Dr. Han Koo Dong; and to the College of Dentistry, meeting Dr. Shim Tae Suk and Dr. Kim Dong Soon...Then to UNKRA to have a good long talk with Mrs. Evelyn McCune.

31 March. To Ehwa University School of Medicine and Pharmacy, for women...And to Women's Medical College, where the Communists made off with everything except the cadavers in the anatomy lab.

1 April. To UNKRA to see Miss Abeille of the Division of Education...To meet officials of the Korean Medical Association, including Dr. Shim Ho Sup, President...And to talk with Miss Shin Chai Sook, who was a University of Michigan classmate of Miss Eleanor Johnson of AFML and NYAcadMed.

2 April. National Library, Mr. Cho Kun Yong...National Assembly Library, in the gutted capitol building, guided by Mr. Pak Chong Man, Secretary General... National Chemical Laboratory (like our Food and Drug Administration), Dr. Choi Rhee Suk...The bookshop of Mr. Yi Kyom No...Then on a fruitless and tiring search for some bookbinders' shops.

3 April. In the afternoon to see the Chang Duk Palace, and then out via the Chungchong road to the burial place of the last two Korean kings.

4 April. This Sunday morning out through the vast, colorful market area which surrounds the compound. In the afternoon to Hq I Corps at Uijongbu...Meeting of the 38th Parallel Medical Society; session on epidemic hemorrhagic fever. I spoke briefly on AFML.

TAEGU, 5 April. Early to Taegu by air, arriving at eight. With Capt. Ralph Singer, MC, to the Kyong Puk University Medical School, where the library is much better than I had been led to expect... To meet Colonel Paul E. Keller, Surgeon, KComZ; Colonel Frank O. Alexander, Surgeon, KMAG; Colonel Paik at the 1st ROK Army Hospital...And finally found a bookbinder who will bind a volume for 500 won. Hard to explain that I have no book -- just seeking information.

KWANGJU, 6 April. After seeing the Presbyterian Mission Hospital under the guidance of Dr. Whong Yong Oon, by plane to Kwangju...Out to the Chun Nam University Medical College and shown about by Dr. Choi Sang Chai.

7 April. Watched a parade of high school girls marching to celebrate International Health Day...Then to the airport. The pilot invited me to ride up front; the prospect of the rugged hills and valleys was lovely. As we reached the coast a few minutes from Pusan, a huge burst of cherry blossoms below was breath-taking.

PUSAN, 8 April. All morning churning through three warehouses and the Port Operations Section; found three cartons of medical books and journals, but not what I was looking for... In the afternoon, six interviews at the UNKRA office.

9 April. In the morning with Dr. F. Blaaflat of the local KCAC team out through beautiful country to the Sung Gae Leprosarium, by the sea... To the 5th ROK Army Hospital, Colonel Kim Soo Nam...To the Provincial Health Center, where Dr. Paik Nan Jin was conducting a well-baby clinic...To the airport.

SEOUL, 10 April. Long talk with Miss Haines...Then to UNKRA, to talk with Miss A. Mayerson of Voluntary Agencies Liaison, and Sir Arthur Rucker.

12 April. Talked with Dr. Brown and Dr. Nilssen at the KCAC office...Visited the Foreign Book Retail Store project.

13 April. Talks with Major Elmer R. Pede, VC, of the Agriculture Branch, KCAC, and Mr. Ray Stewart, Special Services Library, Eighth Army...In the evening to the Dung Sun Kack Hotel with friends. Fabulous food -- various kinds of kimchi, red peppers, fish, oysters, meat patties and something that was either spleen or octopus; sugared ginger, apples, pears, uncooked chestnuts. And the kisang girl humming sad songs, and singing Korean words to "Clementine," a favorite here.

TOKYO, 15 April. Down at Tachikawa at 2 a.m. and to bed at the Dai Ichi Hotel at 4...Clothes to laundry, uniforms pressed...By taxi to Charles Tuttle & Company, our agents for Japan.

16 April. Short distance by train to the Keio University Library School, meeting Mr. Robert Gitler and his staff. Then with Mr. Yoshinaro Tsuda (former MLA Fellow) to Tokyo University Medical School, seeing the libraries and talking with Dr. Tomio Ogata, President of the Japanese Medical Library Association, and recalling our meeting in London last summer...Then to Keio University Medical School to see Tsuda's fine library; and across the street to the hospital to talk with George S. Bonn, formerly with NYPL and now on a Fulbright here, about Japanese scientific periodicals...Then to the National Diet Library. They had brought out a display of old Japanese medical books in my honor, and it was wonderful. Finally to meet Mr. Tokujiro Kanamori, Director of the Library; stimulating talk.

17 April. Out to Zama by car, the weather bright, the fields green, and the perch flying everywhere, indicating

approach of Boys' Day. Checked in with Colonel McNinch; turned in field clothes; played 18 holes of golf.

18 April. Easter Sunday. Colonel and Mrs. McNinch gave a dinner in the evening, where I met Miss Lora-Frances Davis, Librarian of Tokyo Army Hospital, and saw Dr. Kusama again.

19 April. By cab to Tokyo Army Hospital and looked over the library...Later, much work trying to straighten out some tangled travel arrangements.

20 April. To the dispensary for medical clearance papers...Bought some old prints and some toys for the children ...To Tokyo Army Hospital for a final session with Colonel McNinch, Colonel Bauchspies, Colonel Forsee, and Miss Davis ...Packing; phoning...Out to Haneda Airport at just before midnight.

ENROUTE HOME, 21 April. Out in a plane, but back at Haneda in a few hours. Checked and phoned for 24 hours. Finally out in a Connie; down at Midway, and amazed at the gooney birds... On to Honolulu; beginning to lose track of the time changes. On the morning of the second 22 April down at Hickam AFB; pleasantly surprised to find Colonel Hartford there to meet me. He took me out to Tripler and showed me around that magnificent hospital; met Miss Smith, the librarian...In the afternoon to the fine Honolulu County Medical Library, talking with Mrs. Hill and Miss Gray...In the evening, a memorable meal at Waikiki.

23 April. At the airport, fretting all day. Finally, in the evening lucky to get out as super-cargo on a medical evacuation flight. A new experience, and a liberal education; proud of the medical team, and proud to wear the insignia.

24-30 April. Enroute home. Travis AFB, San Francisco, Albuquerque, four days' leave at my sister's home working on my report, and back to Washington on a weary midnight.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to the many people who made this trip possible...but most especially to Major Leon Sternfeld, who helped me throughout my stay in Korea; to Colonel McNinch, who made it possible for me to use my time in Japan to best advantage, and to the staff at AFML, who held the lid on till I got back.

ERRANT PHYSICIANS

The Library's exhibit for the month of May is a selection of portraits and works by a group of physicians who are better known for their activities in fields other than medicine. The exhibit was prepared by Mr. Richard S. Cutter of the Document Section.

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